

April 1, 2005

Dear Community Partner:

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) is launching a statewide campaign to increase its interpreter pool for all spoken languages. The DSHS Medical Assistance Administration is looking for individuals who are interested in becoming certified/qualified interpreters to serve DSHS clients. Once certified/qualified, the interpreter would need to apply for work with the language agencies that do business with the DSHS brokers who arrange transportation and interpreter services for DSHS clients.

A series of informational community meetings are planned for Tacoma, Olympia, Bellingham, Seattle, Vancouver, Yakima, Spokane and Wenatchee. Refer to the attached list on Page 2 for the dates and locations of these meetings. Please plan on attending the meeting closest to where you live. We expect each meeting will run about two hours, with about a half hour for questions and answers. Topics covered will include the DSHS Interpreter Services Program and how it works and the Language Testing & Certification process.

This letter, list of meeting dates and locations, and a recruitment flyer will be posted on MAA's Interpreter Services website: <http://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/maa/interpreterservices>. Please share this information with anyone interested in becoming a contracted interpreter.

We look forward to seeing you there and partnering with us to get the message out to communities statewide. If you need special accommodations, please call the number below two weeks before the meeting date so we can make the necessary arrangements.

If you have any questions regarding this recruitment campaign, or about interpreter services, please call RosaMaria Espinoza at (360) 725-1721, or e-mail: espinrm@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

RosaMaria Espinoza, Program Manager
Office of Transportation & Interpreter Services
DSHS Medical Assistance Administration

Att.

Interpreter Services Program Informational Meetings

April 14, 2005

Lacey Community Center
Banquet Room C
6729 Pacific Ave. S.E.
Lacey, WA. 98503
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

April 19, 2005

St. Luke's Community Health Education Center
3333 Squalicum Parkway
Bellingham, WA. 98225
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

April 27, 2005

Bellevue Regional Library
1111 – 110th Avenue Northeast
Bellevue, WA. 98004
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 Noon

May 3, 2005

Southwest WA. Medical Center
Auditorium A
600 NE 92nd Ave.
Vancouver, WA. 98664
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

May 19, 2005

Yakima Regional Medical Center
St. Elizabeth Auditorium
110 S. 9th Ave.
Yakima, WA.
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

May 25, 2005

St. Luke's Rehabilitation Institute
Board Room
South 711 Cowley
Spokane, WA.
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

June 8, 2005

North Central Education Services District
640 S. Mission
Wenatchee, WA. 98801
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

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